

Your 3-Ring Circus.
A Picture Puzzle.
Some Money Left.
But What Penrose Gloom.

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The world is a huge three-ring circus, the rings being "AVARICE, JEALOUSY, AMBITION"—or name them yourself.

Men studying world events are like children at the circus. Watching one thing, they miss the others. If they see the clown fall over his feet, they miss the lady on the slack wire. If they see her, they miss the trained pig.

Historians tell you truly that we know more today about world events in the time of the Pharaohs—how they lived, why they conquered and killed, what their religions meant, thousands of years ago—than they mean to tell us. The Phoenicians knew nothing of the Chinese or the Chinese of the Phoenicians. We know a great deal about both. The future will know us—our motives, meanness, ignorance—far better than we know ourselves. News items, scattered, are pieces of a jig saw puzzle that history will gather into a clear picture.

For instance:
The council of "civilized" nations decides to do something about the traffic in women. That helps to define the word "civilization" in our day, as their kidnapping of Grecian youths for slavery or human sacrifice helps us to understand the "civilization" of Crete.

China, oldest continuous civilization on earth, manages to squeeze into the council of nations, thanks to her clever Mr. Koo, whose ancestors were scheming and philosophizing when our ancestors were cannibals, hunting each other through the valleys.

A judge in Boston suggests life imprisonment for robbery, which has been multiplied by ten as a result of the war. War, like public executions, increases crime by setting the criminal example. When a nation says "it is all right to kill and rob," latent criminality whispers to the individual, "There is a hint for you."

China while philosophizing sawed living criminals in two, lengthwise; killed others with single drops of water falling on the head at intervals, causing insanity and death; killed them also by waking them from sleep at intervals of a few minutes.

Such "cures" did not abolish crime in ancient China. Excessive punishment will not end robberies in modern America. To diminish crime, deal with the criminal's brain and THOUGHT. You cannot do much with his body.

There is some money left in the country. Uncle Sam wanted to borrow five hundred millions—citizens offered for his Treasury certificates two hundred millions more than he can use.

A Non-Partisan League lady, at a public banquet last Tuesday, told a story about animals claiming credit for America's victory: "I won," said the horse; "soldiers rode on my back." The mule said, "I won; I hauled the ammunition and guns."

"Excuse me," said the jackass; "I won them; I bought the Government bonds."

These Treasury certificates, which banks and wise men gather, are unlike Government bonds—they hold their value.

Senator Penrose, head of the Senate's Finance Committee, talks a streak of the bluest indigo. Closed mills and empty dinner pails are coming, he said. His remedy is simple—cut down workmen's wages, cut down high income tax and excess profit tax that have discouraged poor, plodding wealth.

You may or may not say to yourself: "What could be fairer than cutting the rich man's taxes and the little man's pay? A reduction on both sides seems fair enough."

Perhaps we are going to have all that pessimists predict. Probably NOT. Panics HAPPEN, but are not predicted. Anyhow, Russia is sadder than we. There, according to late news, the smallest bank note printed stands for 10,000 rubles and the basis of the new worth 25 cents in foreign countries—presumably as a curiosity.

Fortunately for Russia, she does not depend on what other countries think of her money. Sixty years ago Mr. Rockefeller's I. O. U. for fifty millions could not have been sold at any price. Now it's worth par, which is more than you can say for a Government bond.

England decides, for the League of Nations, that Turkey may keep Constantinople and the churches on which the crescent replaces old torn down crosses. But Turkey may NOT keep the Dardanelles, through which Russian ships might come out into the Mediterranean.

The Nations, which means England and her allies, will control the little streak of water that separates Europe from Asia and might bring against Mediterranean civilization ships from the Black sea and troops from the Russian giant.

Meanwhile, England holds Gibraltar, the other door to the Mediterranean, which makes everything nice and snug. No one need object, for England, having about all she can hope to digest in the next hundred years, will slumber along peacefully, in Faerie fashion, if no one disturbs her.

BRITISH TROOPS RAID IRISH MONASTERIES

TRIES SUICIDE TO HIDE SHAME

Girl, 13, Locks Self in Bedroom, Aims Bullet at Her Heart.

MARINE IS UNDER ARREST

Faces Court-Martial on Charge of Assault—Pretty Emma Warder May Die.

By Staff Correspondent.

INDIAN HEAD, Md., Dec. 17.—Locked in her white and blue bedroom, and sobbing her heart out in shame over the alleged betrayal of her trust in a marine, pretty thirteen-year-old Emma Warder, daughter of John C. Warder, a prosperous farmer here, yesterday decided upon death. She aimed a bullet at her heart, but the hand that pointed the revolver was not steady and the missile entered her body an inch lower.

Emma now lies in the Naval Dispensary here in a critical condition.

MARINE HELD.
T. L. Kelley, a marine stationed at Indian Head, is charged by the girl with assault. He is being held by the military officials and will be court-martialed. It is said the marine, using the name "Tom Jackson," had been paying attention to the girl, who looks older than her years.

Last Saturday night Emma went to a moving picture show in Indian Head. Her home is some distance from the town, and her parents protested against her making the trip alone. She consented when she told them she intended going with neighbors.

Evidently the neighbors decided not to go, and Emma went alone. That night she met Kelley. As much of the walk from the town to Emma's home is through a stretch of woods, the marine is said to have volunteered to escort the girl.

GOES TO HER RESCUE.
Another marine, who was passing through the woods at the time, heard a girl's scream and rushed to the rescue. As he arrived at the scene of the alleged attack, some one crashed through the underbrush in flight. He found Emma hysterical and disoriented. The marine, it is said, did not escort the girl to her home.

Late that same night a Government employe found the girl wandering through the streets of Indian Head in a dazed condition. He escorted her to her home.

The Government employe also reported the incident to the Inspector of the Naval Dispensary, where physicians probed Warder before him and censured him for allowing his daughter away from home so late at night. Warder, in turn, severely scolded his daughter. She is said to have cried out then that she would kill herself.

FATHER FORCES DOOR.
Wednesday night the girl was missing. Alarmed, her parents searched the nearby woods for hours, but were unsuccessful. Then they went to the girl's bedroom. The door was locked. The father forced it open and found his daughter lying on her bed, in her night-dress, unconscious. A revolver was beside her, one chamber empty.

The girl was hurried to the Naval Dispensary, where physicians probed for the bullet. Yesterday morning she recovered consciousness for a brief period and told her story. Nine marines were brought by the military police to her bedside, and she identified Kelley as her assailant. She also identified the man who rescued her in the woods.

At noon today the surgeons had not succeeded in locating the bullet in the girl's wound. On the success of this, they say, depends whether or not she will live.

Eggs Drop Again in N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Prices of fresh western eggs dropped 5 to 8 cents a dozen in the New York market yesterday to the basis of from 22 to 25 cents a dozen wholesale. This represents a decrease of about 15 cents from prices quoted a week ago.

A Christmas Suggestion

A Mail Subscription to The Washington Times

SUBSCRIPTION RATES BY MAIL

Pepco Seeks Higher Electric Rate; Wants 8 P. C. Property Return

Increased rates for electric current will be sought by the Potomac Electric Power Company on March 1 next, these rates to be effective on April 1, when the present charge of 8 1/2 cents per kilowatt hour expires.

William F. Ham, president of the company, today declined to discuss any amount of increase to be asked, but said the company would seek an eight per cent return on its investment, instead of the six per cent it is now supposed to be receiving.

NECESSITATES HIGHER RATE.

To secure an eight per cent return the company must necessarily have higher rates.

While testifying before the Public Utilities Commission yesterday, President Ham announced he would appear before the commission in the next several months in behalf of this utility and would seek an eight per cent return.

REFUSED LAST PETITION.

It was not many months ago the company petitioned the commission to increase electric rates to 10 cents per kilowatt hour. The commission turned down the request as a whole, but granted an increase to 8 1/2 cents.

Renewal of its request for a 10-cent rate, which rate would yield the company about 8 per cent return, is expected to be the next action of the electric company.

The Potomac Electric Power Company is now valued at \$16,025,137.79 by the Public Utilities Commission. If it is granted the increase of two per cent on this valuation by the commission, it will mean that Washington users of electricity will have to pay an additional charge of \$320,502.75 a year to the company.

WILL YOU Be a Good Fellow?

Veterans of Foreign Wars Come to Rescue. Gold Chevron Donates \$25 to Fund.

When it comes to Good Fellowship, you have got to hand it to the Washington Veterans of Foreign Wars.

It was not enough that two posts of the veterans should take more than twenty needy families under their wing, but now comes the management of the Gold Chevron, official organ of the veterans, with a check for \$25 to the Good Fellow Department, and a promise to remember all the children of veterans who make themselves known to The Washington Times. Here is the letter which accompanied the check:

"Enclosed find check for \$25 for the Good Fellow Department, donated by the Gold Chevron Magazine, published in the interest of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the District of Columbia. Children of veterans in needy circumstances will be given a Christmas remembrance if they communicate with the Gold Chevron through the Good Fellow Department of The Washington Times."

ONE HITCH IN PLAN.

There is only one little hitch in the veterans' generosity. The Washington Times is collecting no funds. The check will be cashed and the money turned over to persons in touch with needy families to be expended in making the families happy on Christmas morning.

All Good Fellows should remember that the purchasing of Christmas gifts for the needy families, and personally delivering the presents on Christmas morning constitute part of the joyous satisfaction to be gotten from becoming a Good Fellow. The Washington Times does not want to deprive the Good Fellows of this satisfaction and therefore has not arranged to collect money or distribute gifts.

Manager M. Davis, of the M Street Theater, today called at the Good Fellow Department and took five large needy families under his wing. He said he did not care how large the families were or where they lived.

GOOD FELLOWS!

Here's a form for you to fill out if you will aid in stating your plans for helping the poor, the aged, and the ill.

If you will be a Good Fellow on Christmas to some family in Washington, please fill out the attached blank and send it to "The Times Good Fellow Department."

I will be a good fellow to Persons or families (as many as you wish). Please give me names of persons in

(State what section of city you prefer to have assigned to you).

My name Address Telephone

CLAYTON RAPS SELECT HEADS HIGHER FARES FOR INAUGURAL

Citizens' Federation Counsel Hurls Scathing Rebuke to W. R. & E.'s Petition.

Consuming more than an hour in a scathing denunciation of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, William McK. Clayton, representative of the Federation of Citizens' Association, in the Public Utilities Commission's hearing on the fare question today declared attempts were being made to force street car fares up to a point which would tend very largely to prevent a merger.

ONLY CURE IS MERGER.

"The only cure for the present conditions in the railway systems is a merger," said Mr. Clayton. "I believe it is the policy of the railroad corporations to so force fares up, doing this legitimately, however, that they will become independent of a merger."

Clayton registered a vigorous protest against higher car fare, declaring this would only add to the carriers which are preventing the companies from merging for the common good. He appealed to the Commission to refuse the company's request for an increase of fare to 8 cents straight.

WANT CAPITAL DIRECTION.

The federation representative further declared that the people of Washington want the merger, not because it may mean lower street car fare, but because they are desirous of having the Capital Traction Company officials direct the management of the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

"The people, I am sorry to say," Mr. Clayton testified, "have not the confidence in the officials of the Washington Railway and Electric Company that they have in officials of the Capital Traction Company."

Clayton spent nearly one-half hour in cross-examining William F. Ham, president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, inquiring about salaries of company officials.

POT BIG RAISE IN PAY.

It was brought out during this cross examination that nearly every official of the company had received a salary increase, ranging from \$300 to \$2,000 a year, within the past eighteen months.

The salary of President Ham, including his salary as president of the Potomac Electric Power Company, is \$20,000 a year, which Mr. Ham says is less than the salary of his predecessor. Ham denied, in reply to his question, that his salary had been reduced during the past year.

While Clayton was in the midst of his criticism of the W. R. & E. he was interrupted by Charles Selden, president of the Washington-Maryland Railway Company. Selden objected to Clayton's remarks. Chairman Kutz stated that Clayton had testified before the Commission before and knew the use of discretion in making any criticisms. The matter was then dropped.

YOUR DECISION IN THIS CASE.

"Your decision in this case," said Mr. Clayton, directly to members of the commission, "will either push or retard the merger proposition. It is for the commission either to help or to retard in this case."

"If you can't resist now, you can't resist three months from now," he said.

DIRECT SALES TAX URGED BY EXPERT

Dr. Joseph J. Klein Advocates Revision Before House Ways and Means Committee.

A direct sales or consumption tax to raise one quarter of all revenues needed by the Government was advocated today before the House Ways and Means Committee by Dr. Joseph J. Klein, of New York and Boston, a public accountant and tax expert.

He suggested further a Federal license fee on 8,000,000 estimated automobiles and auto trucks; elimination of tax exemption on State and municipal bonds and on salaries of State and municipal officials; and compulsory income returns by every individual over twenty-one years of age.

Among the recommendations made by Dr. Klein are removal of alleged unfairness in tax regulations whereby payments are required in one year on returns for services extending over a period of years or on profits resulting from sale of capital assets held for many years, which is now treated as income in the year when realized by sale, and repeal of the excess profits tax.

Dr. Klein figured that the present national debt of \$21,000,000,000 means a mortgage on each person of \$12 and a charge on each individual of \$10.

2 New Members of Inaugural Board



T. LINCOLN TOWNSEND, Chairman of Civic Organizations Committee.



CORCORAN THOM, Chairman of Reviewing Stand Committee.

HOOVER READY TO AID CORK DESTITUTE

Suggests K. of C. Investigate Reports of Starving Children in Ireland.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—On the eve of the opening of the European Relief Council's drive for \$35,000,000 for the starving children of Europe, Herbert Hoover, chairman of the council, was formally asked for information as to whether any of the money would be devoted to the relief of children said to be starving in Ireland. This direct request came from the Ancient Order of Hibernians, but an announcement by the Knights of Columbus, one of the Council's member organizations, said the Knights had received similar inquiries from various parts of the country.

In reply, Hoover said it had been the original intention only to maintain existing relief agencies in Central and Eastern Europe. He said there was no race, creed or politics in the organization, and offered to cooperate with the Knights in any way possible.

INSPECTOR GENERAL.

"Royal Irish Constabulary."

To this the bishop replied: "I should accept sympathy from the Inspector General of the old R. I. C. The verbal sympathy of an Inspector general whose men are murdering my people and have burned my city I cannot accept or convey to the relatives of the murdered Canon Magner."

READY TO CO-OPERATE.

Hoover said: "I have assured the Knights of Columbus, who are so finely co-operating in this work, that I shall be only too delighted to co-operate with them in any way possible, and suggest that they should investigate reports as to starvation among children in Ireland, that we may take any measures necessary and possible."

\$200,000 LOSS IN FIRE AT ROCKAWAY BEACH

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Temple Israel Synagogue and a whole block of business houses were destroyed by fire early today at Rockaway Beach. One hundred and fifty persons were driven from their homes into inclement weather. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

TWO PRIESTS ARE ARRESTED

One of the Prisoners is Father Dominick, McSwiney's Spiritual Adviser and Confessor.

POLICE ADMIT SLAYING

Dublin Castle Confesses Canon Magner Was Black and Tan Victim.

DUBLIN, Dec. 7.—The Rev. Father Dominick, personal spiritual adviser to the late Terence McSwiney, was arrested here today.

Another Roman Catholic priest was arrested at the same time, but was later released.

British troops were active throughout the night and morning. They raided two monasteries. It was during a raid upon a monastery that the Rev. Father Dominick was arrested.

MINISTERED TO MARTYR.

The Rev. Father Dominick was with the late Lord Mayor McSwiney during the greater part of his hunger strike in Brixton jail. The priest was with the lord mayor when the latter died and accompanied the McSwiney family to Ireland to attend the funeral.

Admission that Canon Magner, killed on Wednesday at Dunmurry, county Cork, was shot by an auxiliary cadet, has been made by Dublin castle. A statement issued by the castle says that the cadet was one of a lorry party which was ambushed near Cork Saturday night and intimidated that he became insane as a result of that experience.

"I cannot see the report that the cadet also killed Timothy Crowley, a farmer's son, P. S. Brady, a magistrate, who witnessed the tragedy, came near suffering a similar fate."

"Thirty auxiliaries left Dunmurry at 1 o'clock Wednesday for Cork to attend the funeral of a colleague killed a few nights ago," says the statement. "They were in charge of an auxiliary cadet and always escorted by two motor lorries. Some distance along they encountered Canon Magner and Timothy Crowley walking. The cadet ordered the lorries to halt. He jumped out and demanded that Crowley surrender his bicycle. The cyclist, who was struggling, was killed."

At this point a castle official explained that the report was not clear as to just what led to the shooting. The statement continued: "The cadet shot Crowley dead with his revolver and then turned to the priest and shot him dead. After the cadet reentered the lorry, the men decided to return to Dunmurry, where they reported the shooting. The cadet in charge, The colonel promptly arrested the cadet."

"Crowley was respectable, twenty-four years of age and not engaged in politics. Canon Magner was a highly respected priest and always exerted influence for good in the district."

The statement does not mention the cadet's name.

FOUR POLICEMEN KILLED.

Soldiers today are combating Tipperary county (in the martial law zone) for ring leaders of the armed bands which killed four policemen on Thursday. The victims were members of a party of eight policemen who were ambushed by a gang of 100 men near Kilkenny.

CORK, Dec. 17.—The Bishop of Cork yesterday received the following telegram, dated Dublin Castle: "Please accept my deepest sympathy on the appalling tragedy of the death of Canon Magner and kindly convey to his relatives an expression of my deep sorrow and sincere sympathy."

PAY-DAY DEC. 20 FOR CAPITOL STAFF ONLY

Government pay-day on December 20 will be limited to employees at the Capitol. Treasury officials stated today. Although an Executive order for a pay-day on December 20 was issued yesterday by the President, departmental employees will not share in this advance.

Treasury employees will be paid on December 30, and other departments are expected to follow this custom.

December 24 and December 30 will be half holidays.